

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Non-Final Office Action of November 3, 2005 (the "Office Action"):

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the continuation data in the first paragraph of the specification needs to be updated;
2. Claims 19, 20, 24 and 25 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 and 11 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,699,177 and claims 1-9 and 11 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,102,850;
3. Claims 21-23 and 26 are allowed.

The specification has been amended to include the patent numbers of issued patents in paragraph [0001]. No new matter has been added.

A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is attached hereto with appropriate fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d). Accordingly, the obviousness-type double patenting objections to Claims 19, 20, 24 and 25 are believed to be overcome.

Claims 19-26 remain pending in the application, and an early notice of their allowability earnestly requested for the reasons stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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